

## Introduced by Senator Romero

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An act to amend Section 1797.98b of the Health and Safety Code, and to amend Section 8555 of the Government Code, relating to emergency services.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 266, as introduced, Romero. Emergency services.

Existing law, the California Emergency Services Act, sets forth the powers and duties of the Governor and other officers regarding mitigation of the effects of natural, man-made, or war-caused emergencies.

Existing law, the Emergency Medical Services System and Prehospital Emergency Medical Care Personnel Act (EMS act), establishes the Emergency Medical Services Authority within the California Health and Human Services Agency to provide, among other things, statewide coordination of county EMS programs, and administration of the Trauma Care Fund.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 1797.98b of the Health and Safety Code
- 2 is amended to read:
- 3 1797.98b. (a) Each county establishing a fund, on January 1,
- 4 1989, and on each April 15 thereafter, shall report to the
- 5 Legislature on the implementation and status of the Emergency
- 6 Medical Services Fund. The report shall cover the preceding

1 fiscal year, and shall include, but not be limited to, all of the  
2 following:

3 (1) The total amount of fines and forfeitures collected, the  
4 total amount of penalty assessments collected, and the total  
5 amount of penalty assessments deposited into the Emergency  
6 Medical Services Fund.

7 (2) The fund balance and the amount of moneys disbursed  
8 under the program to physicians and surgeons, for hospitals, and  
9 for other emergency medical services purposes.

10 (3) The number of claims paid to physicians and surgeons,  
11 and the percentage of claims paid, based on the uniform fee  
12 schedule, as adopted by the county.

13 (4) The amount of moneys available to be disbursed to  
14 physicians and surgeons, descriptions of the physician and  
15 surgeon and hospital claims payment methodologies, the dollar  
16 amount of the total allowable claims submitted, and the  
17 percentage at which those claims were reimbursed.

18 (5) A statement of the policies, procedures, and regulatory  
19 action taken to implement and ~~run~~ *operate* the program under  
20 this chapter.

21 (6) The name of the physician and surgeon and hospital  
22 administrator organization, or names of specific physicians and  
23 surgeons and hospital administrators, contracted to review claims  
24 payment methodologies.

25 (b) (1) Each county, upon request, shall make available to  
26 any member of the public the report required under subdivision  
27 (a).

28 (2) Each county, upon request, shall make available to any  
29 member of the public a listing of physicians and surgeons and  
30 hospitals that have received reimbursement from the Emergency  
31 Medical Services Fund and the amount of the reimbursement  
32 they have received. This listing shall be compiled on a  
33 semiannual basis.

34 SEC. 2. Section 8555 of the Government Code is amended to  
35 read:

36 8555. Unless the provision or context otherwise requires, the  
37 definitions contained ~~in~~ *within* this article govern the  
38 construction of this chapter.

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